

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2008

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, Martin Luther King was one of the fathers of the civil rights movement. We honor him for his courage, for his sacrifice, and for his life-long commitment to justice and equality for all.

Dr. King taught us that silence in the face of injustice only serves to fuel the fires of prejudice and hatred. He said that "in the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." Dr. King's message has become the conscience of our country, reminding us that it is our responsibility to stand up and speak out in the face of racial, gender, and religious discrimination.

Forty years after his assassination, we are still working to ensure that Dr. King's dream of equality will one day be fully realized by all in our great Nation. On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, as we celebrate the life and legacy of a great American hero and international symbol of justice and equality, we must not forget that there is still tremendous work to be done.

Dr. King was a passionate fighter for social justice and equality. In my judgment he would be disappointed that on any given night there are 800,000 Americans living in the streets of life. He would be disappointed that there are 37 million Americans living in poverty, including 3.4 million in Texas. He would be disappointed that 47 million Americans are without health insurance, including 4.1 million in Texas. These are the offspring of the kinds of injustices that Dr. King had in mind when he proclaimed "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Together, I believe we can fight the evils of social injustice and work to create a brighter future for all Americans. It has fallen on to us to make Dr. King's dream a reality by standing up, and by all means, speaking out.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN BAIRD

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, on January 22 and January 23, 2008, I was not present for votes. I take my voting responsibility very seriously. Had I been present, I would have voted the following: rollcall vote 19—H.R. 4211 (on motion to suspend the rules and pass): "yea"; rollcall vote 20—H. Res. 866 (on motion to suspend the rules and pass): "yea"; rollcall vote 21—H.R. 3963 (on ordering the previous question): "yea"; and rollcall vote 22—H.R. 3963 (passage, objections of the President not withstanding): "yea."

CONGRATULATING LAURA JOHNSON

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Ms. Laura Johnson of Larkspur, Colorado. Ms. Johnson teaches English as a foreign language while attending the University of Denver and is a recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Award. This grant is given to promising individuals to aid them in their academic and cultural pursuits abroad.

The Fulbright Program was established by Congress in 1946 and is sponsored by the U.S. State Department. This program was designed to help build mutual understanding between Americans and the global community. Individuals who are awarded this distinction have demonstrated outstanding academic or professional achievement and have proven themselves as leaders in their field.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to Ms. Johnson and wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING JILL MUETH OF ST. LOUIS, MO

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2008

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jill Mueth from St. Louis, Missouri and to congratulate her on her nomination as 2008 School Counselor of the Year award.

Jill is a dedicated school counselor at LaSalle Springs Middle School in St. Louis, Missouri.

Out of the several hundred nominations the American School Counselor Association, ASCA, received, Jill is one of 10 finalists to be honored at the First Annual School Counselor of the Year Awards Dinner on Friday, February 1.

ASCA's School Counselor of the Year program honors school counselors who are running a superior, comprehensive school counseling program at the elementary, middle or high school level. Through a highly competitive selection process, finalists were chosen from a panel of judges representing principals, district offices, school boards and chief state school officers.

I thank Jill for her service to the community and congratulate her on her nomination.

TRIBUTE TO THE OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2008

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), which continues to be recognized for its critical work on environmental issues. The United Nations and the World Meteorological Organization's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) are co-winner of this year's Nobel Peace Prize, "for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change," according to the Nobel announcement. The IPCC has benefited from the contributions of ORNL in several areas, from scientific research and policy studies to state-of-the-art tools and facilities.

Several ORNL researchers are co-authors, and in some cases, lead authors on IPCC studies and documents as part of a global effort to assess the realities and risks of human-induced global climate change on the basis of peer reviewed and published scientific literature. The IPCC Fourth Assessment Report produced four reports in 2007 that featured the involvement of ORNL scientists such as Corporate Fellows Tom Wilbanks and David Greene, and the Environmental Sciences Division's Paul Hanson, Virginia Dale and Gregg Marland.

A very significant portion of the IPCC's study involved modeling of how climate change will affect a variety of important human and economic factors, from temperature to electrical costs. The scientific discovery for applications such as climate change modeling and simulation would not be possible without ORNL advanced computing capabilities, due to the enormous scale and complexity of climate data collected. ORNL's Center for Computational Sciences, home of the world's most powerful supercomputer for open science, ran the extremely complex models and provided infrastructure for more than one-third of the total U.S. contribution to the IPCC report.

The climate study is the culmination of a six-year international effort. Regardless of one's views on climate change, there is no question that ORNL's computing resources and its human resources provided significant contributions to the IPCC. I am proud to honor the research that ORNL generates on an ongoing basis, but especially pleased to honor the leadership and commitment of everyone at ORNL for the efforts that contributed to the Nobel Peace Prize for 2007.

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